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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: BLEY et al

Serial No.:

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For: Gas-Generating Substances

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 15, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) Gas-generating substance according to claim 1, characterised in that it additionally contains, in order to control the reactivity of the gases, inert gases, preferably carbon dioxide, air, helium, neon and/or argon.
  5. (Amended) Gas-generating substance according to claim 1, characterised in that it contains additions of smell-intensive gases such as e.g. mercaptans in small amounts for detecting leaks.